

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 18, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush,  
President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in support of New Jersey's request that you issue a disaster declaration for Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren counties. These counties were devastated by heavy rains and severe flooding that occurred starting on April 1, 2005 and which we detailed to you in a letter on April 4, 2005. We now urge a prompt disaster declaration so that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can begin the task of helping our residents.

Since our letter, we have had the opportunity to see first hand the devastation caused by these severe weather conditions. Our residents are in great need of federal assistance to immediately help them recover from this devastation. Because of this, we urge your immediate attention to New Jersey's request.

Thank you for your immediate attention in this matter.


Sincerely,



JON S. CORZINE  
United States Senate



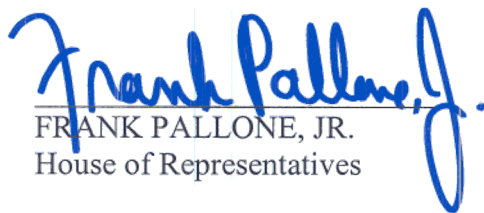
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